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FOR POLADS

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL RESHUFFLE IN DGB THROUGH CREATION OF NEW FUND

1. IN THE COURSE OF IMPLEMENTING ITS PROGRAM FOR THE ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH FOR WORKERS (VERMOEGENSBILDUNG) THE DGB WILL ESTABLISH A SPECIAL TRUST FUND FOR SHARE AND BOND HOLDINGS ACCUMULATED UNDER THE SCHEME.

2. THE FUND WILL BE HEADED BY WALTER HESSELBACH, WHO WILL GIVE UP HIS POSITION AS MANAGER OF THE DGB-OWNED "BANK FUER GEMEINWIRTSCHAFT", BUT WILL CONTINUE AS A MEMBER OF THE BANK'S SUPERVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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3. DGB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER ALFONS LAPPAS WILL QUIT THE DGB AND WORK WITH THE FUND ALONG WITH HESSELBACH.

4. GERHARD VATER, PRESIDENT OF THE WOOD AND PLASTICS WORKERS UNION WILL REPLACE LAPPAS ON THE DGB EXECUTIVE BOARD. VATER HAS NOT RECOVERED COMPLETELY FROM HIS SERIOUS ILLNESS OF TWO

YEARS AGO, SO THAT HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE LESS STRENOUS POSITION OF A DGB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER. VATER WILL BE WELL QUALIFIED TO SUCCEED LAPPAS SINCE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DGB'S BUDGET COMMITTEE HE IS FAMILIAR WITH LAPPAS' JOB (PRIMARILY FINANCE). VATER CAN BE COOPTED BY THE DGB EXECUTIVE BOARD UNTIL THE NEXT DGB CONGRESS IN SPRING 1978, WHEN HE COULD BE PROPERLY ELECTED.

5. KURT GEORGI, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE WOOD AND PLASTIC WORKERS UNION WILL BE VATER'S LOGICAL SUCCESSOR AND WILL PROBABLY BE ELECTED IN VATER'S PLACE AT THE NEXT CONVENTION OF HIS UNION (OCTOBER 1977). THE WOOD AND PLASTIC WORKERS UNION RANKS AMONG THE MOST LEFTIST IN THE DGB. VATER HAS SO FAR PREVENTED THE UNION FROM BECOMING EVEN MORE LEFTIST. UNDER GEORGI AS PRESIDENT A MORE LEFTIST DRIFT IS TO BE EXPECTED SINCE, TO QUOTE AN OBSERVER, "GEORGI LENDS HIS NAME AND SIGNATURE TO ALL ACTIONS, APPEALS AND DRIVES SPONSORED BY LEFTIST GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS, THE DKP NOT EXCLUDED:..DUX

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